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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed May 14, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action was originally due June 14, 2002. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to this Office Action for one month to July 14, 2002. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Petition to Extend Time 1 month

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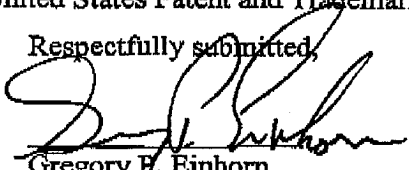
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Attached to this facsimile communication cover sheet is a Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement and Petition for Extension of Time, faxed this 1st day of July, 2002, to Group 1637 of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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